enunciated above. The DAVP will enter into appropriate rate contracts with individuals newspapers/journals.

Telecast of movies on National Network

*26. DR. RANBIR SINGH:
SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 8 to 10 movies are being telecast on national network in a week;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the time is wasted by the children in seeing TV movies and serials; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to reduce the number of movies being telecast in view of health hazard and deterioration of education standards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Three feature films (including regional films) in a week and one children's film on 2nd Tuesday of every month are telecast by Doordarshan on national network.

(b) and (c) The activities of the children are generally controlled by their parents and guardians and exposure to TV viewing can be regulated by them only.

Opening of office of RBI in Durgapur

*27. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India had agreed to open a second office of the bank in the State of West Bengal at Durgapur;

(b) whether 18 acres of land for this purpose were acquired in 1983 from Steel Authority of India and an architect was appointed for finalisation of construction of office building and staff quarters; and

(c) whether the development of the land and infrastructure has already been completed, but there is no move from RBI to go ahead with the project and open second office at Durgapur; if so, the reasons for delay and the time-bound plan to open this office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has intimated that though there was a proposal in 1982/83 to open a Sub-Office of the Calcutta Issue Department at Durgapur there was no commitment to open a second fullfledged office.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) RBI has reported that the development of infrastructure for the plots was undertaken by the Durgapur Steel Plant Authority on deposit basis and the entire development work has been completed by them. However, owing to delegation of further powers to commercial banks in the field of currency management, conduct of Government business, etc., RBI has no plans to open a sub office at Durgapur in the near future.

Loans to small scale industries in Karnataka

*28. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of loan applications received from small scale industries by the public sector banks in Karnataka during the last three years and the amount sanctioned till date;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide timely financial assistance to applicants/small scale units for avoiding industrial sickness;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and